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It was learned

that the Zentralkomitee (Central Committee) (ZK) of the SED was preparing to form a Ministerium fuer Bergbau (Mining Ministry) (MFB) to which Hauptverwaltung Energie (Main Administration of Industrial Power) (HV Energy) was to be assigned. This Ministry was scheduled to be set up in the near future. One of the key persons who was undergoing training at Moscow at the time was designated head of the new ministry. Minister Fritz Selbmann was expected to retain the iron, steel and nonferrous metal industries sections at his ministry. It was not yet disclosed to which section or ministry the chemical branch would be assigned.

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Comment: The organizational concentration of the power and fuel industries at the new Mining Ministry is of particular importance, obviously serving the purpose of speeding up the expansion of these two industrial branches. According to the policy outlined in the second Five-Year Plan (1956-1960), the mining power production and fuel industries are not only to be stepped up to cover their lag behind the other industrial branches in the 1951-1954 period, but are to be expanded to such an extent that by 1960 these two essential industries will have the lead, despite the planned expansion of the other industries.

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